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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Extensive Use of Polygraph by Atomic Energy Commission

1. You may be interested to note that the Atomic Energy Commission has, by official order, made it obligatory for every person having access to certain sensitive areas in their plants to submit to a Polygraph Examination. This is carried out regardless of rank, position, or importance of individuals and applies to any or all high ranking visitors from the Commission in Washington.

2. At Oak Ridge, over 3,000 persons have been examined as of 25 February and employees on these projects are periodically tested every 3, 6, or 12 months depending upon the sensitivity of their position. The use of the Polygraph at Oak Ridge is handled on an open basis and its use is not considered as classified.

3. I will shortly give you a report on our own Polygraph re-search project, which is on a voluntary basis. I can say now that results to date show definitely that it can be of inestimable aid to security. Various officials who have had a particular interest in following these results are enthusiastic about it. This includes

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